Schools where they are provided accelerated bridging education, vocational training, stipend, nutrition and health care facilities etc. In addition, an INDO — US Project is also being implemented in 21 selected districts in five States in the country.

(b) and (c) The District Child Labour Project Society headed by the District Collector implements the NCLP Scheme including the work of identifying child labours collecting their full address and educating and training them etc. It is open to the Project Society to involve the Non-Governmental Organizations, if required.

(d) Complaints if any, received from time to time are referred to the concerned authorities for appropriate action.

Penalty on late payment of Provident Fund contribution

968. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has revised the rates of penalty for employees in case of late payment of Provident Fund contribution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether employees were consulted before the rates were revised; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. There is no penalty prescribed for employees in case of late Provident Fund contribution under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Job loss due to global recession

969. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that around one crore job cuts during this financial year;

(b) if so, whether in addition over 50 million could lose jobs by end of 2009;

(c) whether many Indian employees in gulf are returning to India as a global recession and nearly 20,000 during last four months from UAE and also in just three months five lakhs workers were axed;

(d) if so, to what extent NREGA initiated by Government has been able to provide jobs to jobless; and

(e) what concrete steps and measures Government propose to take to meet situation?